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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON ELI SMITH

1. THE UNION COUNTY NEW JERSEY PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE HAS REQUESTED DEPT ASSISTANCE IN INVESTIGATION OF CRIME INVOLVING RETIRED U.S. ARMY COLONEL ELI SMITH, NOW DECEASED. SMITH HAD APPARENTLY BEEN INVOLVED IN BUSINESS OPERATIONS IN WHICH HE AND HIS PARTNERS ACTED AS MIDDLEMEN BETWEEN VARIOUS FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND U.S. COMPANIES. PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE HAS TENTATIVE LEAD INDICATING SMITH MAY HAVE BEEN WORKING ON SALE TO PAKISTAN OF PATROL BOATS MANUFACTURED BY THE TACOMA WASHINGTON BOAT COMPANY SOMETIME AROUND NOVEMBER, 1974. OTHER INDIVIDUALS POSSIBLY INVOLVED IN THIS DEAL WERE RALPH STEIN (U.S. NATIONAL) AND RENATO SPERA (ITALIAN NATIONAL).

2. DEPT HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF THIS MATTER. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ADDRESSEES MAY BE ABLE TO DEVELOP. INGERSOLL

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